

**THE JAPAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

Mr J. F. Lowdare, Chairman of the Provisional Board of Directors of the above company, has issued the following circular dated 7th March, to those applying for shares:—“Sir,—I regret to have to inform you that by reason of the meagre support extended to the proposed Fire Insurance Company by the public, the Provisional Directors have not felt themselves justified in taking any further steps in the matter. It only remains, therefore, to return to you the amount of your deposit, for which a cheque is enclosed.”

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man subsidy by 1,000,000 marks for a Far East service. The subsidised vessels will sail alternately from Hamburg and Bremen.

MARINE DISASTER.
London, Feb. 25.—The British steamer

and brother of the late Mr Charles Stewart Parnell, is a candidate for the post of City Marshal of Dublin. He has issued a circular from Avondale, in which he says: 'The poverty and almost absolute want which my mother, my sisters and I are facing

Liverpool. The first rough weather on the way across, and was forced to run at about three-quarter speed. Her time was 11 days, 2 hours and 49 minutes, and her average hourly speed 11.63 knots.—Her Commander, Captain Henry St. George.

CHINESE TRADE CONCESSIONS.
London, Feb. 22.—The Foreign Office has issued the following statement :
 The following are the arrangements in the interests of British trade which have been agreed to by the Chinese Government

the Yang-tse-Kiang region in her Chinese possessions, the Chinese Government has formally intimated to the British Government that there can be no question of the territory in the valley or region of the Yang-Tse-Kiang being mortgaged, leased

Times points to the 'peculiar wording of the foreign statement as to the inland water-ways of China.' It says: 'If limited to where we, by treaty, are permitted to charter native boats, it would include the

interest, probably 9 1-2 per cent., and will be issued below par. The security is of two kinds, revenues already unpledged, and international security in the shape of new ports to be opened, the port dues of which would be pledged; as also would

Consolidated has begun making frantic efforts to establish a great coaling station for foreign warships in Delagoa Bay.

Exchange

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On demand	8 1/2 % p.m.
Told Loan, 100 Acc. (over bank)	60.00
Average (Bank's buying rate)	210.00
Rate (per cent) in 4% 3% 2%	95.11

Wine,	500		500			1600
On demand,	500		500			160
In Calcutta—						
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On demand,	500		500			160
In Singapore—						
On demand,	110		100			1% pint.
In Manila—						
On demand,	311		311			78% pint.
In Shanghai—						
On demand,	500		500			760
30 days' sight, (private paper)						760
Yokohama—						
On demand,	511		511			8½ pint.
Hold term, 100 days, (over bank),						95.50
Coin-silver (Bank's buying rate)						210.00

